

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Edward J. Stashluk, Jr. et al  
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Examiner: Michael Misiaszek  
Confirmation No. 7404  
Title: MERCHANDISE RETURN SYSTEM WITH VALUE  
ADDED RETURNS PROCESSING (DATA  
COMMUNICATIONS)

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer dated September 28, 2007 was filed by Applicants on November 16, 2007. Applicants received an Office Communication dated January 17, 2008 stating the Reply Brief filed has been entered and considered. Applicants also received an Office Communication dated June 4, 2008 stating the Application was received from the Technology Center at the Board on May 20, 2008 and has been assigned Appeal No. 2008-3777. Applicants are currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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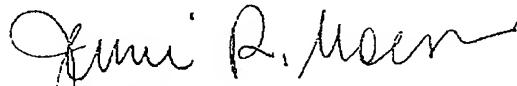
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